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1. Enroute to Odessa, it is required that a ship remain at least 10 km distant when passing Zmeinyy Island. This order is issued from Odessa. Between Constanta and Odessa [] heavy traffic of oil-carrying barges. About one and a half km from Odessa, a CT (sic) on a southern course was throwing up a smokescreen as if to hide the coast []
2. To the southwest, [] on the way out from Odessa, there are iron bars stuck in the sea bottom. These emerge about two or three meters above water. [] military divers were placing the bars from the apparatus [] the ships resembled diesel launches.
3. In the port itself [] on the quay of each corresponding pier there were round platforms which contained the switches for the rail lines. The port has numerous trunk lines as well as many cranes of five-to seven-ton capacity, all equipped with modern fittings.
4. Behind Alexander Park there were large fuel tanks. Also observed there was a large smokestack emitting smoke, [] the whole area was a refinery. In the northwestern part of the port there were two other smokestacks, probably belonging to factories.
5. [] in port [] the following craft:
 - a. A 13,000-ton troop transport with two funnels
 - b. Two large passenger ships
 - c. The ex-Colombo, at its usual mooring. It was well tended and

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from time to time it leaves the port.

- d. Two or three CC TT (sic) . These remained in port practically the whole time [redacted]

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- e. A heavy traffic of motor tankers.

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6. [redacted] heavy air traffic over Odessa by aircraft of all types and sizes. All of them seemed headed west of Odessa, where it was presumed there was a large airfield in the vicinity.

7. [redacted] many new motor vehicles [redacted] these vehicles were stored all over the port area, but [redacted] the greater part of them seemed to be in service.¹

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Comment: It is possible that the motor vehicles were cars of Soviet or European manufacture [redacted]

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